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SUBJECT: NEWSWEEK ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY OF STATE DESIGNATE
VANCE'S VIEWS ON CHINA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CHINA POLICY SECTION OF NEWSWEEK
DECEMBER 13TH ARTICLE BASED ON INTERVIEW OF SECRETARY
DESIGNATE VANCE. NEW YORK TIMES DECEMBER 6 CARRIED
ABBREVIATED ACCOUNT OF NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW INCLUDING
REMARKS ON CHINA.

BEGIN TEXT: CHINA: HIGH-LEVEL TALKS

DOES VANCE PLAN TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CHINA? YES--
BUT SLOWLY. ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PEKING
SHOULD BE ONE OF THE MAIN GOALS OF US POLICY--AND VANCE
WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD IT. BUT THE PACE AND MODE
WILL DEPEND ON THE NEGOTIATING HISTORY THAT HE PLANS TO
START READING SHORTLY. HE FAVORS ANOTHER HIGH-LEVEL
ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS "TO FEEL EACH OTHER OUT." HE
DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY RUSH TO ESTABLISH RELA-
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TIONS WITH CHINA SINCE IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN A
CAREFUL BALANCE IN US RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. THE

US MUST ALSO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF TAIWAN, WHICH VANCE
SAYS "IS ESSENTIAL." END TEXT. KISSINGER

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